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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. **(Canceled).**

9. **(Currently amended)** A solid composition comprising a colorant, a gelation agent, a resin component, and a mixture of at least two different solvents, wherein the mixture

(i) ~~comprises at least two solvents selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; or~~

(ii) comprises at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, ~~dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether~~, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monophenyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether.

10. **Previously presented)** A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the mixture is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate;

(ii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether; and

(iii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and propylene glycol methyl ether acetate.

11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(Previously presented)** A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

13. **(Previously presented)** A solid composition according to claim 9 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of butyral resin, vinyl acetate resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-vinyl chloride) copolymer resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-

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ethylene) resin, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethylcellulose and acetylcellulose and at least one member selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

14. **(Previously presented)** A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the colorant is a fluorescent pigment in the form of a solid solution in a polyamide resin vehicle.

15. **(Previously presented)** A solid composition according to Claim 9, which is a solid writing material.

16. **(Previously presented)** A solid composition according to Claim 15, which is a wet-surface writing material.

17. **(Previously presented)** A solid composition according to Claim 16, which is a crayon.

18-21. **(Canceled)**

22. **(Currently amended)** A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein solvent is included at 20-80% by weight in the solid composition.

23-38. **(Canceled)**

39. **(Previously presented)** The composition of Claim 9, wherein there are two resin components.

40. **(New)** A solid composition comprising a colorant, a gelation agent, a resin component, and a mixture of at least two different solvents, wherein the mixture

(i) comprises at least two solvents selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; or

(ii) comprises at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether; and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monobutyl ether, tripropylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol monophenyl ether and dipropyl glycol monomethyl ether.

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41. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 40 wherein the mixture is selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate;
- (ii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether; and
- (iii) tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether and propylene glycol methyl ether acetate.

42. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 40 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

43. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 40 wherein the resin component comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of butyral resin, vinyl acetate resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-vinyl chloride) copolymer resin, poly(vinyl acetate-co-ethylene) resin, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethylcellulose and acetylcellulose and at least one member selected from the group consisting of ketone resin, xylene resin, polyamide resin, and acrylic resin.

44. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 40 wherein the colorant is a fluorescent pigment in the form of a solid solution in a polyamide resin vehicle.

45. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 40, which is a solid writing material.

46. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 45, which is a wet-surface writing material.

47. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 46, which is a crayon.

48. **(New)** A solid composition according to Claim 40 wherein solvent is included at 20-80% by weight in the solid composition.

49. **(New)** The composition of Claim 40, wherein there are two resin components.